(*b*) why the proceedings of the Legislature are not published in the Government Gazette ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : (*a*) In English only.

(*b*) The Legislative Reforms Regulation, II of 1108, does not require the publication of the proceedings in the Gazette. Further the Government consider that the publication of the proceedings in a handier form would better serve the convenience of both the Government and the public.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*a*) may I know why the publication of the proceedings in Tamil and Malayalam are discontinued ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Sometime back the proceedings were published in Malayalam and that was given up afterwards as there were very few purchasers for the same.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know why it was not purchased ?

President : The purchasers must answer it. The Government member cannot answer it.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know from the member whether it was on account of the prohibitive price of the same ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : No.

The Legislative Library.

68. * **Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the attention of the authorities concerned has been drawn to the inconveniences experienced by members of both the Houses in the Legislative Library ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that proceedings of the Legislative Chambers elsewhere that are being received in the Legislative Library were allowed to be removed by non-official members also hitherto and, if so, why it is not done so now ; and

(*c*) whether any President of the Legislative Council (pre-reformed) or that of the present Legislature has ever visited the Legislative Library ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : (*a*) Government are not aware.

(*b*) No. Proceedings of the Legislature come under "Books of Reference" and under the rules such books cannot ordinarily be removed from the Library.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether the suggestions made in the 'Suggestion Book' kept in the Library are being attended to by Government ?

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Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know what was the suggestion recorded in the 'Suggestion Book' with regard to the inconveniences experienced by members?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: There was no.....

President: Is it a general question or has it application to this particular point? If it is a general question I cannot allow it. If it has reference to the legislative books I can allow it.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Yes, about the legislative books.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: There is no suggestion to that effect. One of the honourable members suggested on 21-4-34 like this :—

> "The Legislative Library appears to be thoroughly neglected and consequently members who go over there find it very difficult to do any work."

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Was it the only suggestion made?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: "It is hoped that the Secretary will kindly arrange to make it more useful."

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Was it the only suggestion made or were there any other suggestions made in the book?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: In this direction there was no other suggestion. But there were so many other suggestions with regard to other points.

President: I have to draw the attention of both the members that the answers should confine to the *proceedings* in the Library and not to the whole Library. Questions regarding the publications in the Library are relevant and other questions regarding it are irrelevant.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the proceedings of the other legislatures were not issued to the non-members before this?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: No.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: I challenge that answer.

President: Probably the honourable member knows of any particular incident.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know whether the member who is now putting the questions had the privilege of getting these books before?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: I do not know that.

President: So the honourable member himself is the culprit. Is it so?

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